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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 5, 2002, please amend the abovereferenced patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 7 as follows:

(Twice Amended) A method comprising:

allowing the use of a content on a content receiver;

automatically interrupting the use of content;

enabling the receiver to temporarily replace the content with advertising;

accessing a predetermined rating assigned to one or more characteristics of said content, said rating based on the degree to which said one or more characteristics is present

within content; and

comparing said rating for the content to a rating of the same one or more characteristics specified by an advertiser.

Please amend claim 17 as follows:

17. (Twice Amended) An article comprising a medium for storing instructions that

enable a processor-based system to:

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